



ARTS Scholarships 2020

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Providence Performing Arts Center's Community Outreach Committee will be requesting applications to the ARTS Scholarships 2020 program beginning in January 2020, which will provide up to \$500 in financial assistance to each of 30 winning Rhode Island students (15 from Providence, 15 from other Rhode Island communities) for summer arts education programs.

Eligibility:

To qualify, a student must

- be aged 11 - 14 by June 1, 2020
- reside in and attend school in Rhode Island
- demonstrate artistic ability and interest
- demonstrate financial need
- submit a completed application

Application forms will be available on January 2, 2020 at PPAC's website, www.ppacri.org, and at PPAC's administrative offices. ARTS Scholarships 2020 will be open to all students meeting these eligibility requirements **except prior scholarship winners, who are not eligible to participate.**

Judging and Awarding Scholarships:

An independent panel of judges will be convened in March to review the applications and select the scholarship winners. The panel will consider the students' written statements, samples of artwork, the sponsors' comments, and the indication of financial need. The judges' decisions will be final. Applicants will be notified and winners and their family members will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony at the Providence Performing Arts Center in the spring.

Scholarships will cover up to \$500 of approved expenses (tuition and supplies). Payments will be made directly to the approved arts programs, not to the winning students. After completing the program, students will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire regarding their experience.

Applications will be accepted until the February 28, 2020, 4:00p deadline at the offices of the Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset Street, 2nd floor, Providence, RI 02903. **Students are responsible for submitting complete and accurate applications.** Materials with postage due or any application errors will not be accepted. The Providence Performing Arts Center cannot guarantee return of any sample artwork. Applications become the property of the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Application process:

Students will submit

- an application form (photocopies are acceptable only if all parts of the application are included) completely and accurately filled out, with signatures of the student, a parent, and an adult sponsor
- a statement of financial need from a parent
- a written recommendation from a sponsor (an adult ***other than a parent or a director of the summer arts program the student will be attending***) who knows the student and his/her artistic abilities and goals
- two or three sample pieces of original artwork. Artwork must be wholly original and unique by the student. Photocopies of original works may be submitted provided the work itself is unique by the student. Although every effort will be made to return artwork to the students, the Providence Performing Arts Center does not guarantee the return of any materials.

Visual art - 2-dimensional

(painting, drawing, etc.)

- artwork must be original, not copied or traced; at least one piece must be a pencil drawing

Visual art - 3-dimensional

(sculpture, masks, pottery, papier mâché, etc.)

- one piece must be in its original form, others can be photographed

Performing art

(dance, music, song, drama, mime, etc.)

- video or audio recordings in DVD format or on flash drive

Writing

(fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.)

- hard copy of original text and/or DVD/CD/flash drive readings of original text

Film/video

- original work in DVD format or on flash drive

About the COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

The Community Outreach Committee is a standing committee of the Providence Performing Arts Center's Board of Directors and is comprised of PPAC Directors, Rhode Island educators, and community leaders with an interest in youth. Its mission includes developing arts education opportunities for Rhode Island's young people and making the Providence Performing Arts Center accessible to Rhode Island's diverse populations.

The ARTS Scholarships sub-committee is responsible for conducting the application, judging, and awarding of the ARTS Scholarships 2020.